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Developer pleads for council's assistance

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

The owner of the property that was once home to a veneer plant is begging councillors to help ease the financial hardships he has come into since buying land he planned to turn into housing.

Allan Clark appeared before Highlands East councillors at their Feb. 9 meeting to make a request to waive some of the land-fill tipping fees to clean up the property he owns at 1051 Schofield Rd. in Wilberforce.

"I want to let you know about the hardship I'm running into," said Clark.

The developer went on to explain he had purchased the property in 2007 from Veneer Financing, with the intent to transform it into townhouses and condos.

Clark soon began running into problems, which included the plant getting severely vandalized, he said.

He underwent many environmental studies and site samples, which delayed the project considerably, he said.

Clark spent in excess of \$100,000 to remove the building on the property, according to his letter to council. Addi-

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Hawks defeat Titans

Red Hawks senior guard Will Stephenson glides through the air on his way to the rim against St. Thomas Titans defenders on Thursday, Feb. 5 in Haliburton. The Hawks led from start to finish, beating the Titans 43-26 to even their record at four wins and four losses. More on page 13.

Darren Lum /Staff

Parents credit Highlands love for newborn's recovery

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The parents' bright smiles don't give away the concern they still have for Prudence Evelyn-Anne Christie, the West Guilford newborn who received treatment the past several weeks at Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital and most recently Orillia to deal with several life-threatening complications to her major organs.

Prudence's parents Mark Christie and his fiancé Nicole Hanna came back to the Highlands with their daughter on Feb. 1 and feel a sense of relief that she is home.

"There were points it felt like it was just going to be us coming home. To bring her home it was really good," her mother said.

They said her recovery is owed to the outpouring of amazing and unbelievable support from the community.

"It's weird how a situation like this can bring so much help," Christie said. "I've been known around here, but I never thought one community can come together so fast and help out."

This includes some of Christie's family members he hasn't spoke with in a while, who reached out to help the family in crisis.

The couple points out they've only

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news and events worth noting

Highlands Little Theatre is presenting *Pirates of Penzance*, evening performances at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, 17 and 18 and a matinee at 2 p.m. on April 19 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets are available by calling Jim Frost at 705-457-4031 or by purchasing tickets from Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Minden Pharmasave in Minden. This Gilbert and Sullivan musical was last seen in Haliburton in 1975 as performed by the Glee Club of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. This Spring, current Haliburton County residents, young and old, are preparing to present *Pirates* once again! Come and join in the fun and frivolity!

First responders and PTSD

A special conference has been organized in Keene about mental health in the workplace. Scheduled for

Feb. 19 and 20 at Elmhirst Resort, the conference will be examining post traumatic stress disorder and the effects of trauma on employees.

Many professionals face extremely stressful situations on the job. Police, firefighters, paramedics, nurses, teachers, social workers and others often are the first people to respond to accidents and other emergencies, said organizer Bob English, who was formerly chief of paramedics in Haliburton and now works for the Loomex Group in Peterborough.

In 2014, 23 first responders in Canada took their own lives. "We can break this cycle," English wrote in an email to the paper.

"This conference is chaired by an expert in PTSD and mental health in the workplace, Dr. Rakesh Jetly, who knows the research, and he knows there are effective training programs that need to be implemented in every workplace. Dr. Jetly will also be one of the main speakers along with Dr. Ash Bender from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health."

For more information, go to loomex.ca and click on "online registration" to read about the workshop or call 705-760-0359.

Investigation into snowmobile death still ongoing

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Circumstances around the death of a 51-year-old man from Peterborough are still unclear following a snowmobile collision last Friday on Paudash Lake in Highlands East.

OPP officers from the Bancroft detachment attended the scene of the collision on North Bay Beach Road, along with Highlands East firefighters, said acting chief Chris Baughman.

The man from Peterborough was transported to hospital by ambulance, but died before getting there, according to the OPP.

"They don't know if it was an accident first and then a medical condition or if he had a heart attack first and then collided," said Baughman.

The incident involved two snowmobiles travelling in the same direction, said the fire chief.

"We didn't go out on the ice to investigate at the scene, we just dealt with the patient on the shore," said Baughman. "The police themselves went out to the accident scene."

The name of the deceased has not yet been released as the investigation is still ongoing, said Bancroft OPP community service officer Susanne Cox.

The investigation could take a few weeks to complete, she said.

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10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Snowshoe Games with YMCA Camp Wanakita

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Broomball and Hot Chocolate with Youth Unlimited

10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Ride a Pony with South Algonquin Trails

10:30 a.m. — Craft and story at the Dysart Branch of the library

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Join the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre for Art Attack

11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Hitch a ride on Irvin Holland's horse wagon

11:30 a.m. until supplies run out Haliburton Highlands Museum Maple Treats

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Forging demonstration with Nash Farrier Services

12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Lions Club BBQ

1:00 p.m.—until finished Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge (First plunge at 1)

1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Kids Dogsledding with Winterdance

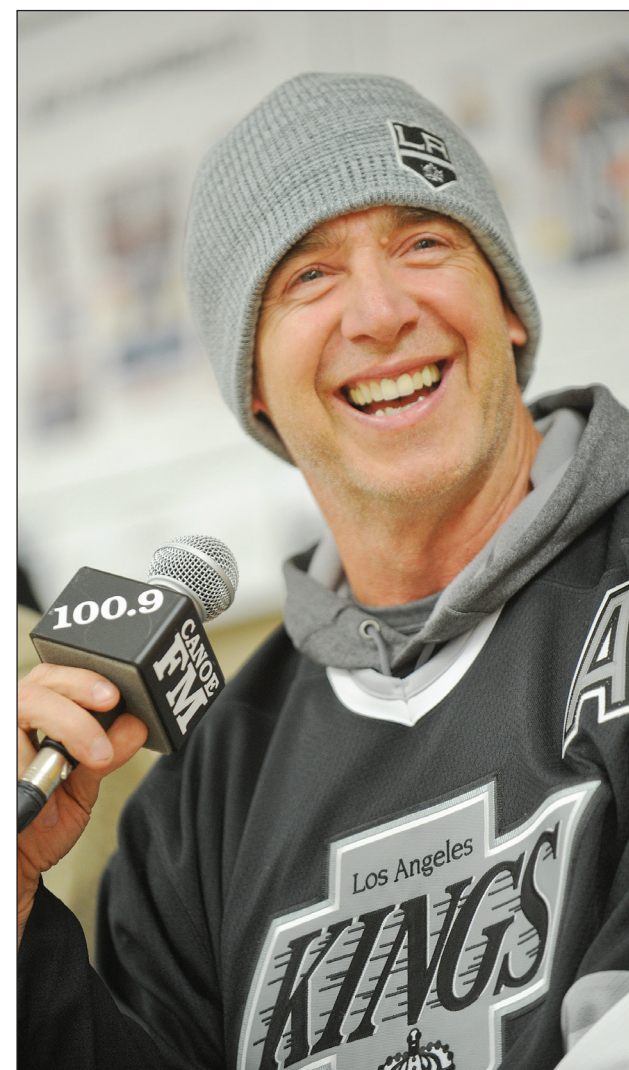
4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. United Church Lasagna Dinner - \$10 adults \$5 kids 12 and under (Take-out is available)



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Scotty's Pub Night and Hotstove Lounge

West Guilford's Bernie Nicholls, a former NHLer who played for the Los Angeles Kings as part of a 19-year career, was part of a panel of speakers at the Scotty's Pub Night and Hotstove Lounge on Friday evening at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. This was part of the seventh annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament that helps to raise money for the Community Support Services. The panel included Scotty Morrison, Hockey Hall of Fame inductee and NHL retired linesman Ray Scampinello, NHL retired referee and HOF inductee Bill McCreary, former NHLer Walt McKechnie and former NHLer Steve Ludzik.

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Mark Christie, left, sits with daughter Prudence Evelyn-Anne Christie and his fiancé Nicole Hanna, who recently returned after several weeks at Toronto Sick Kids Hospital because of complications with the baby's major organs. Prudence has proven to be a fighter, but will face a lifetime of challenges. The family is appreciative for the outpouring of support from the community.

Darren Lum /Staff



Baby Prudence making remarkable progress: parents

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lived in the Highlands for a few years and were surprised by the demonstration of love.

"It was amazing. I don't know how we would have done it without the support," Hanna said. "I expected family and close friends to support us, but there was so many people from everywhere supporting us. It was pretty shocking."

They cannot imagine this kind of support happening in a large city like Toronto. The help came from a variety of residents, including a church pastor and an author.

Christie and Hanna couldn't believe how quickly their daughter improved following the *Echo's* article published on Jan. 20.

"The day after [the article was published] things happened one by one ... I don't know if that made it globalized [where] everyone was praying, but whatever happened she just had that little extra fight in her to keep chugging along," he said.

The day after the article, Prudence was taken off the ventilator and she was able to breathe on her own despite the doctor's expectations she wouldn't be able to breathe without it.

This was pivotal, Christie said, because if she didn't breathe the doctors suggested

they needed to give up.

"She turned around so fast I was worried people are going to think this is a hoax, but, no, she is honestly just a miracle and I don't know how it happened," he said.

It happened within a week of the article.

Christie said from being the sickest baby to being released was hard to understand. He's grateful despite the long-term challenges that will face his baby.

"She appears to be fine, but the future is so unknown ... even the doctor said, 'I don't have a crystal ball. I can't tell exactly what will happen.' All they've told us is that she has made a lot of improvement, which is going to help her out with things because when we got the original diagnosis he didn't think she would be able to feed, breathe, walk or make movements. [Now] she's making movements, feeding and breathing," he said.

The doctors told the parents that Prudence is likely to have cerebral palsy, which won't necessarily show until she is close to two or three.

Christie understands his daughter is far from being "out of the woods."

"The doctors are still very worried. They're going to keep their eye on her. We have that extra caution," he said.

Christie said his daughter is steadily

improving, even nearing a normal body weight.

She is on medication as a preventative measure and will have four-month follow-ups, including meetings with more than one doctor.

"Keep my daughter in your thoughts," he added.

"I want people to keep praying. Even if it is a quick little [gesture]," he said.

Stay up-to-date and connected with the Prudence through the Facebook page Prayers for Prudence.

The couple is putting their attention on their daughter and has put their wedding plans on hold. Hanna said they are not in a hurry anyway.

Christie isn't working now, but has been in communication with area restaurants, including nearby Muskoka for cooking work.

The return is important for the family and, more importantly, Prudence to move forward.

"Her getting home is the stepping stone to her being able to start her life. At least now her life is not in question. It just feels so great," he said.

Christie said the family welcomes any financial help that will be required for the long-term care of Prudence and can call him 705-306-9630 or email mark_christie17@outlook.com.



\$500,000 spent on property so far

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tional fees included environmental costs coming in at about \$200,000 and soil removal fees costing \$100,000, according to Clark.

"Right now I'm half a million dollars into this property," he said. The developer told councillors he also ran into a legal issue regarding the site, however the action was withdrawn days before it was set to go to trial, leaving him with the legal bills. In a letter Clark submitted to council, details around the legal issue were redacted.

"I'm at my wits' end," he said. "I've had an awful time of it. I'm trying to do the right thing."

He believes the site has greatly improved since he purchased it and told councillors he fully intended to live in Wilberforce. "I think we all forget how bad of an eyesore that was at the lake," he said. Clark said he was seeking help from the municipality with the outstanding landfill tipping fees. According to the developer he has paid \$50,000 in landfill tipping fees already, however he still owes more than \$18,000.

In his letter Clark wrote that taxes were in arrears and that he was at the "point of losing everything and a potential bankruptcy if he didn't catch a break somewhere."

Clark said part of the ongoing problem was changing environmental regulations and conditions that he had to comply with.

A record of site condition was completed in 2012, he said.

One of the most recent challenges the developer is facing are excess levels of cobalt in the ground water, which he said he has been able to drill wells around.

To date Clark's expenses with the project are more than \$500,000, he said.

"I'm about ready to walk away. I'm done," he said.

Reeve Dave Burton suggested council sit down with Clark and work out a reasonable amount to pay.

"No decision will be made today," said Burton.

Clark thanked council for their time and reiterated that finishing this project was in the best interest of all.

"I'm sorry to come here with my hat in hand," said Clark.

Carl Dixon book signing Saturday, Feb. 14

For those who missed out on the launch of Carl Dixon's memoir *A Strange Way to Live*, he will be doing a book signing at Master's Book Store in Haliburton Village on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Dixon, who is best known for playing with The Guess Who, April Wine and Coney Hatch, will be signing copies from 1 to 2 p.m. on Valentine's Day.

The ties that bind: cancer support group offers love and friendship



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Business Achievement Award: 9 Nominees

Customer First Award: 15 Nominees

Entrepreneur of the Year Award: 8 Nominees

Highlander of the Year Award: 7 Nominees

Innovation & Creativity Award: 9 Nominees

New Business Award: 8 Nominees

Not-for-Profit of the Year Award: 13 Nominees

Skilled Trades & Industry Award: 3 Nominees

Tourism & Hospitality Award: 7 Nominees

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ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Love can be shown in many ways and by many different people in your life.

This was what Jane van Nood experienced following a difficult diagnosis she received about 15 months ago.

An active community volunteer, van Nood spent many years overseeing the SIRCH community kitchen program, making healthy meals that were distributed to people in need.

"Originally what happened was I wanted to teach moms in Haliburton, that were on low-incomes, how to cook," she said.

Van Nood and her group would meet at the United Church in Haliburton and it wasn't long before the initiative turned into a friendship gathering.

About a year and a half ago van Nood was fulfilling her volunteer role when she felt like something was out of the ordinary.

"About 20 months ago ... I was carrying stuff down the stairs and it was like 'something's wrong, I don't feel right'," she said. "And that's just not me."

Not long later van Nood was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer, forcing her to step away from her role with the community kitchen.

In the months following, van Nood underwent chemotherapy treatments, which took a toll on her body, as well as surgery.

Little did she know the group of volunteers she had been working with for many years would turn around and support her.

"When Cathy [McIlmurray] found out she said I think we should get together once a month as a support, but she didn't tell me this she told the girls this," said van Nood. "So we got together at Cathy's house in West Guilford ... they had a pink broom for me, so I could sweep all my cares under the rug, they had a cake that said I'm a survivor ... we drank sangria out of these pink cups and at the end Cathy handed me the cups and she said every time you think you're alone I want you look at these cups and remember that each one of us is there for you."

From that point on the group met monthly at different locations. Sometimes the women would raft down the Kennisis river, have lunch at the cottage where the book *Charlotte's Web* was written, take a walk down to Boshkung river and much more.

"Each month it was a different theme," said van Nood.

A number of months later McIlmurray was also diagnosed with breast cancer and began radiation treatment. The group expanded their support for both ladies dealing with the health battle.

At the end of January the group met one more time at the Wild Orchid restaurant in Minden for a different kind of celebration.

The lunch was to celebrate the end of van Nood and



Jane van Nood, left, and Cathy McIlmurray celebrate the end of their cancer treatments with a group of supporters on Jan. 22 at the Wild Orchid restaurant in Minden. /Photo submitted

McIlmurray's cancer treatments, a milestone for both women.

"I'm cancer free," said van Nood. "Everyone has said from the beginning of my 15-month treatment of breast cancer and chemo they have never seen anyone come through treatment like I did. I swear, the only difference with me was the support, and love and commitment of my friends who brought me through this, my belief in God, a supporting husband and family and a community which I supported through hospice and volunteering who came back to support me."

Both van Nood and McIlmurray attest that they couldn't have done it without the love and support of their friends.

"Thanks to all the ladies your prayers, support, laughter, adventures and songs made the journey much easier," said McIlmurray.

Van Nood believes the group and their monthly meetings helped her beat the odds against cancer.

"The whole journey has been amazing," said van Nood. "I couldn't have hand-picked better friends."

Chamber announces gala nominees

The nominees for the 2014 Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce business and community achievement awards have been released, highlighting many of the county's entrepreneurs and innovators.

Local businesses, organizations and individuals are nominated by their peers in the community, recognizing areas such as business achievement, skilled trades, innovation and creativity and more.

Not all nominees accept the nomination, however those who do go through to a second round of judging, where each of the nine categories is narrowed down to the top three finalists.

All finalists are kept confidential until the winner is announced at the gala ceremony, set to take place on Feb. 28 at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

This year's nominees:

In the business achievement category: Century 21 Granite Realty Group, Chaulk Woodworking, Haliburton Dance Academy, Head Lake Grill, Not Just Gas, Parker Pad and Printing, The Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times, Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

In the customer first category: Autumn Marketing, Chaulk Woodworking, Crystal Image Studio, Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage Therapy, Haliburton Yoga, Head Lake Grill, Hot Sips Cafe, JoAnne Sharpley Source for Sports, Minden 50s Diner, Minden Pharmasave, Myers Chimney, Sears Minden, Stoughton's Quality Roofing, WRD Cottage Rentals, Yummy Mummy Emporium.

In the entrepreneur of the year category: Chaulk Woodworking (Trevor and Angela Chaulk), Earthways (Michelle Connell), Haliburton Dance Academy (Chyna Schell), Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve (Peter Schleifenbaum),

Haliburton Home Hardware (Jerry Walker), Head Lake Grill (Diana Gomes), Up River Trading Co. (Mike McKeon and Paul Roy), Wilberforce Service Centre (Don Bamford).

In the innovation and creativity category: 13 Oaks Firewood & Wood Processing, Biothermic Renewable Heating Solutions, Chaulk Woodworking, Haliburton Dance Academy, Moose FM, Positive Media, Sno Trax/Dirt Trax, The Highlander Newspaper, Trophy Property Corp.

In the new business category: 13 Oaks Firewood & Wood Processing, Baked and Battered, Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Maple Avenue Tap & Grill, McArthur Tree Service, OfficePlus+, Pet Value Haliburton, Yummy Mummy Emporium.

In the not-for-profit of the year category: A Place Called Home, Algonquin Gateway Business Association, Bark Lake Cultural Developments, Canoe FM, Community Living Haliburton County, Dorset Community Partnership, Haliburton County Community Co-operative, Haliburton County Folk Society, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Medeba, Rails End Gallery, SIRCH, Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary.

In the skilled trades and industry category: Greg Brown Construction, Timestone Inc., Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets.

In the tourism and hospitality category: Castle Antiques, Happy Trails-Sustainable Trail Construction, Maple Avenue Tap & Grill, Sunny Rock B&B, Tamarack Lodge Cottage Resort, The Little Tart, Up River Trading Company.

In the Highlander of the Year category: Bob Stinson, Gena Robertson, Gord Kidd, Janis Parker, Jim Blake, John Teljeur, Ted Scholtz.

By Angelica Blenich

Student a national finalist for prestigious honour

Angus Sullivan makes top 75, receives \$3,000 in Loran Scholar competition

JENN WATT

Editor

Haliburton high school student Angus Sullivan is one of 75 students who made it to the last stage of the competition to become a Loran Scholar, a prestigious and lucrative honour given to 30 students from across Canada annually.

Last week, the 17-year-old took part in the final interview to determine whether he would end up the recipient of \$100,000 over four years (combined tuition waiver and annual stipend), leadership opportunities, summer program, and a 10-day trip

to Algonquin Park.

On the weekend, he was informed he was a runner up, receiving \$3,000.

The process was intense, Angus said, but overwhelmingly positive.

It started with a day of group interviews in which only 10 per cent of the contenders would be selected.

"I thought we were all very even, but I couldn't see myself being chosen above all of those people. I was just very happy because I had gotten a lot of experience interviewing," he said.

But despite his misgivings, the next day on the way home from a basketball game, Angus got the call saying he had moved on to the next round.

"I didn't really hear the rest of what she said because I didn't believe the first thing she said. She gave me a lot of important information that just went in one ear and out the other and when I told my dad he almost drove off the road," he said.

The Loran Scholars Foundation is a charity that partners with 25 Canadian universities giving out awards to well-rounded students, according to information provided by the organization.

"He was chosen for his character, service and leadership potential from an initial pool of 3,800 applicants," wrote Julia Lo, spokeswoman for Loran.

Last year, Angus had a 93 per cent average, participated in soccer and basketball, the model United Nations, coached soccer in the summer and worked a part-time job at Independent Grocer in Haliburton.

A typical school week includes mostly class, sports practice and games and stud-

ying, he said.

Weekends are filled with some homework, but also socializing with friends and working at the grocery store, which he enjoys because it allows him time to let his mind wander as he goes about his duties.

When it comes to sports and academics, Angus says he's motivated by his competitive nature and also a sense of accomplishment.

"I like the finish line. I like getting to the end and thinking, 'yes, I did this. I've succeeded at something, or failed at something, but tried as hard as I could.' To make some progress and know at the end of the year that I know this entire textbook and can tell you all these things about this subject."

Angus said his passion for learning kicked into high gear once he got to high school.

"I got a lot more serious about things. That's been inspired by a lot of the teachers," he said, mentioning in particular Paul Longo and Jennifer Paton, who assisted with his application. Traci Hubbert, who is now the principal at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, was also a reference. Jenna Dibblee and Josh Wales also provided advice.

Angus has already put in applications to study science next year at university.

He said going through the scholarship process was rewarding.

"That was the big thing with the first interview: they had us [the applicants] all together for most of the day. So most of the day was just talking to these really cool kids and I got to hear what they were doing at their school."

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— Angus Sullivan



Angus Sullivan, in red, is captain of the HHSS boys' basketball team and was a national finalist for the prestigious Loran Scholar award given to 30 students from across Canada each year. While he didn't make the final cut, Angus was in the top 75 from a pool of 3,800 applicants and will receive \$3,000.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Why the winter games matter

IN ONE WEEK, nearly 1,000 athletes and participants will hop aboard one of 24 buses crisscrossing the Highlands bound to compete in one of 10 activities in the 55+ Winter Games.

Our hamlets and their sports venues will be packed with silver-haired seniors (and some not-so-grey 55-year-olds), skis and skates in tow, ready to compete.

And while that's already a familiar tableau in the Highlands, the influx of new competitors is a welcome addition for the three days of the games.

But even though our local resorts, motels and B&Bs will be booked up, their staff busy arranging meals and entertainment for the guests, for the rest of us it is possible to miss the fact that the games are on at all.

This county hosted the Games back in 2011, which gives some insight into how the process is likely to play out this time around.

Four years ago, many in the county thought the games would mean more shoppers in local stores and more people in the towns.

It didn't happen that way, to the disappointment of those who had been banking on increased sales during the week.

What happened in 2011 was that participants in the Games spent their time competing in their various activities and then dining at Games-organized venues. They didn't have time to check out businesses or wander our streets.

This time around, the Games committee has taken that into account and during the second evening in the Highlands, the participants will be feasting on local cuisine and dancing to local music or other local entertainment.

They still likely won't have the time to shop in our stores, but there remains great benefit in their attendance here – even beyond the cash going to accommodators and caterers.

The most important benefit, of course, is to the athletes and participants.

There are few venues in Ontario for those over 55 to come together to compete against one another, a valuable opportunity to promote good health, positive social interaction and broadening of horizons.

The local 55+ hockey team, for example, has been training this winter, working on strategy and learning how to best work together to improve their chances of medaling next week.

Haliburton resident Victor Ettel, 77, has been competing in the Sir Sam's ski challenges on Sundays against 45-year-olds, honing his technique and readying himself for the Games.

You can bet others from across the province have been doing the same.

On top of that, the Games provides an opportunity to expose an older demographic to the Highlands. Perhaps they will come back another time to check out the fall colours, swim in the lakes or maybe even buy a cottage and retire here.

After all, this is already a popular spot for people over 50.

If you have a few hours to spare next week, head over to the curling rink, arena or ski hill and check out the competition. Cheer on our local teams and take in the joy of sport the Games promote.

No matter who takes home the medals, the Games are a win for the Highlands.

We have a special section in this week's paper dedicated to the Games including a schedule. See pages 15 -18 for more.



Snowy framed moose

by Darren Lum

Money should be spent elsewhere

To the Editor,

Re: "HHHS to spend \$50,000 to rebrand"

After reading in the Feb. 3 edition of the Haliburton Echo that the HHHS is to receive \$50,000(!) to fund rebranding of the organization, I was extremely disappointed. What an incredibly huge sum of money to spend

on something that is not directly related to patient care when there are so many other necessary expenditures that could be made. I have donated to HHHS numerous times in the past but now plan to reallocate my donation spending elsewhere because of this.

Catherine Dennis

Embracing new technology

GERALD IRISH

A Senior's Moment

As I sit here pecking away at the keyboard of our computer, I cannot help but think back to former days when computers were just becoming popular and I vowed to have nothing to do with this new technology that was threatening to take control of our communications and the whole world.

A little while later, when visiting my son and his family, his two children (who at the time were very young) began telling grandpa about all the wonderful things they could do with and learn from their computers. Being a true Haliburton senior, I immediately saw the challenge facing me. Was I going to let my grandchildren show the old man what was going on in my and their world?

No! When we got back to the Highlands, I immediately enrolled in an introductory course on computers at Sir Sandford Fleming College.

The wonderful instructor had her challenges trying to instruct a computer illiterate with absolutely no knowledge of even the computer terminology or technology. In fact, my computer was only a few months old to me. I had played with it and had frustrated myself many times (and still do on occasion) but I had one and this was the old boy who was never going to get involved in the world of computers.

As the classes continued, and I stayed with the challenging work in this new world, I began to relax around this new technology, the major part of which was the terminology. I am still not truly proficient in computer use but I'm still learning. I have to admit that I will never be as proficient as my grandchildren but I at least made myself a challenge and accepted it. I consider this a true mark of a Haliburton senior. We accept challenges on a daily basis and meet them head on. I am proud to be one of you.

Thank you to my teachers and grandchildren.

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points of view

The accidental sledder

THE OTHER DAY I went for a good, long toboggan ride. Not on purpose, mind you.

Despite this, it came as no surprise.

You see, an accidental toboggan ride is just one of those occupational hazards we outdoorsy types deal with on a day to day basis.

Typically, this happens when we are pulling a toboggan filled with ice fishing gear down a steep incline to the lake. But not always. I have also had it happen in summer when carrying ply wood in high winds.

Not as many people are as accomplished at this as I am in the off season, however. So we'll stick to discussing the proper way to survive an accidental toboggan ride in winter.

This generally occurs when you momentarily place your ice fishing toboggan on the edge of a slope and then step on it unintentionally. One minute you are talking to a fishing buddy, the next you take a step backwards and find yourself facing him while slowly gaining speed down a slope that Olympic ski jump ramps are modeled after.

It can also happen if you forget how gravity operates and try to lead a heavy toboggan downhill.

Either way, the first thing you need to realize is that screaming doesn't help.

True, it might seem like the natural thing to do, especially when hurtling headlong towards a cliff's edge or barbed wire fence.

All it does, however, is alert those below that there is going to be a new hole in the ice. Oh, and it lets those in your way know it's time to step out of your path – which removes any chance of slowing down that you might have.

No, when you are in the midst of an accidental toboggan ride, you need to stay calm and evaluate your options.

One option is to jump off and watch the sled you are on, and the accompanying fishing tackle pick up speed as it heads towards oblivion. Then from your place in the snow, you can watch the inevitable explosion as the lures in the tackle boxes are thrown in every direction.

This is the option to choose if it is not your sled or tackle.

If it is though, there's always option two.

That means riding it out.

In that case, the first thing you need to do is orient yourself so you are right side up and facing forward. Then, remove your hands from your eyes and grab hold of the toboggan's reins.

At this point, you have two priorities. First, try to avoid any immovable object in your path. Then, steer around anything that could be even loosely construed as a ramp. This includes cliff edges.

After you've taken care of these immediate needs, you ought to figure out how to slow down and slowly come to a stop. One way is to use cord and your parka to create a parachute much like those used by drag racers. Only do this if you are on a particularly long slope and have the time.

Alternately, you could run your hand auger in reverse at the back of your sled. I figure once you hit about 10,000 rpm – which is easy to do when you are being fueled by abject terror – you can start making headway up the slope.

Neither of these methods is particularly practical, however.

So all that's really left to do is enjoy the ride and calmly rig up a rod on the way down so you'll be ready to fish the minute your legs start to function once again.

This, by the way, is why a lot of people don't bother with ice fishing toboggans – or ice fishing. Or slopes.

The bright side is incidents like these are easily forgotten if the weather is nice or the fish are biting. Or if you hit a tree hard enough.

Having said that, it never hurts to pack a chute.



steve
galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

The Old Mill at Minden, also known as Workman's Falls and Stinson Mill, are now the location of the power dam. Photo courtesy of Carol Moffatt and Tony Aymong

letters to the editor

Come to the Special Olympics gala

To The Editor:

The Haliburton County Special Olympics Red Wolves Team is hosting the seventh annual Gala Fundraiser Dinner Dance on Feb. 21 at the Haliburton Legion. The cost is \$25 for the evening.

Music provided by Ron Murphy of Canoe FM. A full course chicken parmigian dinner, dessert, tea and coffee. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a cash bar, prizes, auctions.

Tickets are available until Feb. 15 at the following locations:

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Quilters Inn, Kinmount
Community Living, Haliburton
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Be part of the fun!

Judith Fisher
Red Wolves Volunteer

\$50,000 too much for rebrand

To the Editor,
RE: HHHS rebranding

Conversations in the community often are about the great health care we receive with a dedicated staff. There has been a strong volunteer effort of thousands of hours. The financial donations to HHHS almost weekly are reported in the news. The courageous nursing efforts are given to this community. Is there anyone else out there thinking \$50,000 is \$50,000 too much, no matter what the source, to spend on "a new logo and communication strategy" as reported by the *Echo* (Feb. 3, pg 3)?

How about spending the money on the continued care of the residents and the health care providers? Please use the hard earned support for the best possible use. The only communication and branding that is required is the big Blue H. The Hospital has a local monopoly really, people in the area will be there. If there really is a need to change, the logo could go back to the original Red Cross, when there was respect to the staff and trust in the volunteers, rather than red tape. In spite of bureaucratic direction, we still have good medical care! Thank you to the staff of the hospital.

Peace, Jean S. Tyler

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points of view

Ice fishing roads equal involuntary manslaughter

To the Editor,

I don't like to be the one to identify the life-threatening hazard that ice fishing roads pose to other users of our frozen lakes. I am the last one to condemn other user groups that want to share the recreation opportunities that our natural resources provide, except when safety is concerned.

Those that are ice fishing, especially those that have permanent huts on the lake, have decided that using their ATV to access their hut is preferred to using the traditional snowmobile. And to take it a step further, since ATVs don't function as well in deep snow, it is more convenient for them to plow an ice road access to their hut. What they are unconsciously doing is creating a "cavernous death trap" for the unsuspecting snowmobiler that is passing by.

I have witnessed people being injured after being thrown from their machines, regardless of skill level. I have seen unnecessary damage caused to snowmobiles that could have been avoided if these "troughs" had been marked or identified as the hazard that they truly are to other lake users.

Leaving ice skating rinks out of this equation would be unfair. The snow banks from rink clearing present a similar hazard, but not as threatening since they are usually out of the main traffic routes and bordering a shoreline that can be more easily seen with a background landscape. Ice roads span nearly half a lake sometimes.

So before the winter season claims any more unnecessary snowmobile deaths, I am asking those that make these roads and snow banks to enjoy your recreation, but please limit your own liability in the possible deaths and damage your snow banks could cause by marking them with reflectors, caution tape, or a brush line. It's time to use some common sense with some prevention ... before our government has to provide enforcement of new laws against this practice.

Craig Bowker
Avid Sledger

Origin of Valentine's Day

VALENTINE'S DAY conjures up visions of romantic dinners, boxes of candy, sparkling jewelry and flowers – lots of flowers. The other day I started to muse about the customs of the day and ponder where they all came from. As with most holidays, I found that Valentine's Day traditions are gathered from many places and many times in history.

The origin of the holiday depends on the historian you follow. It either honours the life or death of one of three Christian saints (St. Valentine's feast day) or is an extension of the pagan fertility celebration of Lupercalia. Regardless of the origin, by the Middle Ages, the date was fixed as Feb. 14. In Slovenia it was the first day for working in the fields and in parts of France and the U.K. it was known as "birds wedding day" - the time that birds found mates for that season. It wasn't long before this avian love story spread to include romance among villagers.

The availability of mass-produced greeting cards in the 1800s coupled with England's first postal service, the Penny Post, caused an explosion in the sending of Valentine's Day cards. Promises of true love or eternal friendship were edged in lace and delivered hither and yon. Un-signed cards caused angst and worry. Even today, about one billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year worldwide according to the U.S. Greeting Card Association.

Chocolate, long considered an aphrodisiac, and heart-shaped candies with messages became gifts of choice to demonstrate affection. Jewelry, especially diamonds and engagement rings, became part of the available gift list as the holiday focused on couples more than romance in general. According to an American Express survey, six million proposals of marriage were planned for Valentine's Day in 2013 out of a total 14 million for the year in the U.S.A – almost half!

But, despite the popularity of these other traditions, it is the giving of flowers that punctuates Valentine's Day for me. Charles II of Sweden introduced the old-fashioned custom of sending floral bouquets to pass on non-verbal messages in the 18th century. Termed the language of flowers, each type of flower had a specific meaning attached.

For example, a red rose stood for love and passion while a pink rose meant friendship and a yellow carnation meant "you have disappointed me." Entire conversations could be carried out with discretion, all in a vase of flowers.

Today, Valentine's Day is the top holiday for florists and a box of 12 long-stemmed, deep red roses tied with a pretty ribbon is the first choice followed by pink, mixed colours, yellow, lavender then white. Bouquets of other flowers and plants are the least popular choice however orchids have made a strong showing in the last few years.

Growers in Ecuador, Mexico and Columbia have been scrambling to meet the huge demand, a demand that drives the cost up from 95 cents a stem for a long-stemmed red rose to upwards of \$5. It is big business. The number of roses produced for Valentine's Day in 2014 exceeded 257 million.

Notwithstanding the cost, I fully expect that rotund little fellow, Cupid, to make a visit to my place this Valentine's Day with chocolates, a card, some jewelry and a big bunch of whatever flower makes me forget this long cold winter.

Garden



Belinda Gallagher

Musings



Charles II of Sweden introduced the old fashioned custom of sending floral bouquets to pass on non-verbal messages in the 18th century.

Online Opinions: Tweets and messages from readers

What will you be doing this Valentine's Day?

- Lisa Bagshaw Schell**
Helping to host the annual "Dawson's Game" at the SG Nesbitt Centre - Minden Oldtimers vs Highland Storm Midget A's. Puck drops at 8 p.m.!
- Sue Dier**
My husband and I are volunteer firefighters and we have a Emergency First Responder day course we will be attending on Valentine's Day! They serve a nice lunch for break, so my husband jokes and says he is taking me out for lunch!
- Haliburton County Snowmobile Association**
We will take our sweethearts to the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association trailside barbecue on the Rail Trail in Gelert. It all starts at 11 am. There's no need to be a lonely heart, we would love to see you. Dine with us, you don't need a reservation! Let the romance begin.
- Wendy Crough**
Celebrating at the cottage on Kennisis Lake in beautiful Haliburton.
- Rosemary Blight**
Working bar at the Haliburton Legion Valentine's dinner and dance! Delayed personal celebration!
- Brit Lyn**
Ice fishing!
- Donna Gagnon Pugh**
Going to the Dominion HotelPub for Dead Poets: Hot, Erotic ... and Dead!
- Nicky Parish**
Spending the day at home with my three handsome little boys ages three, five and six since hubby has to work.
- Victoria Ward**
Attending the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for Winter in Canada at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Answer our weekly question online through Facebook www.facebook.com/HaliburtonEcho or Twitter @HaliburtonEcho.



Action-packed day planned for Frost Fest

From a polar bear plunge to warm hot chocolate, this year's Frost Fest in Haliburton has something for every level of winter-lover.

On Saturday, Feb. 14, Haliburton Village will be filled with families having



fun, playing games, eating great food and learning new things all day long.

The day starts at Head Lake Park at 9 a.m. with a pancake breakfast and a special ceremony crowning Stephen Hill as the Frost Fest ambassador. (Breakfast lasts until 11 a.m.)

Then, spectators can wander the park and town, checking out various snowy sights.

Starting at 10 a.m., learn to ice fish on the lake with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, or play snowshoe games in the park with YMCA Wanakita.

Youth Unlimited will be playing broomball and serving up hot chocolate from 10

Polar Bear Challenge participants Margaret Zahn and her daughter Ashley, 11, of Haliburton wade into Head Lake during last year's polar bear dip.

Darren Lum /Staff

a.m. to noon and South Algonquin Trails will have pony rides from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (always a thrill for the little ones).

Over the lunch hour, the Rails End Gallery will be putting on an art attack in the snow.

The museum will be serving maple treats over the lunch hour and Irvin Holland will offer horse-drawn wagon rides around town from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nash Farrier Services will also be doing forging demonstrations from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Likely the biggest chilly thrill of the day is the Polar Bear Challenge, where brave souls will plunge right into the icy waters of Head Lake starting at 1 p.m.

The afternoon includes a barbecue put on by the Lions Club from noon to 3 p.m. and kids' dogsledding with Winterdance from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Finish the day off with a lasagne dinner at the United Church starting at 4 p.m. and running until 6 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under (take out available).

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Sir Sam's ski hill tries new free program this winter

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Chris Bishop practically grew up on the ski hill, which became a part of his family when he was just nine years old.

Now, 49 years later, Bishop is hoping to share the winter sport with residents of Haliburton through a new initiative that is open to first time skiers and snowboarders.

For the past few weeks Sir Sam's Ski/Ride has been welcoming five individuals each Sunday to try their hand at skiing or snowboarding.

Each individual is given rental equipment, a lift ticket and a two-hour lesson, all for free.

The idea for the program came from Bishop, Sir Sam's owner/operator, as a way to get new people trying the sport.

"I just thought let's try and encourage

more people to come skiing by offering the first time for free," he said.

In a town where everyone loves hockey, Bishop is hoping the initiative might help promote the idea of alternative winter recreation activities.

"There's lots of people who live in Haliburton who have never even been to the ski hill," he said.

Bishop brought his idea to Andrea Mueller, Dysart's recreation co-ordinator, who partnered with him on the initiative and sends referrals to the ski operator every week.

Bishop's hope is to get 50 people out to the hill, skiing for free, by the end of the season. The program equates to about a \$100 value per participant.

Sir Sam's used to attract a number of school groups and outdoor programs, however changing times have seen those things drop-off, resulting in fewer kids being introduced to the sport, said Bishop.

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Maybe it's a choice [between] are we going to play hockey or are we going to ski?

— Chris Bishop

"The schools used to do elective days, where the whole school would do a sport, and we might get a couple hundred kids here," he said. "That just doesn't happen anymore."

Anyone over the age of six is welcome to participate in this program, which has no age limit.

"It could be up to 70," said Bishop. "So far it's just been kids."

The concept has been extremely well received thus far, with one participant already hooked on skiing.

"The one boy liked it so much that his mother signed him up for the five-day March break kids' camp," he said.

The plan is to keep the program running until the end of the season, which Bishop hopes will go until the Easter weekend.

The owner hopes the program brings awareness to more people on the array of activities available to them in the Haliburton Highlands.

"Maybe it's a choice [between] are we going to play hockey or are we going to ski?" said Bishop. "Well maybe some more kids will decide to ski ... we're just trying to make it easy and affordable for people to try the sport out."

A new year is upon us: recent residents reflect on the Highlands

JO-ANN SLOAN

Special to the Echo

A NEW YEAR IS UPON US and, as always, people routinely send best wishes for a happy one. I personally am looking forward to this upcoming one.

Recently, my husband and I became permanent residents in the village of Haliburton and entered into the world of small town having moved from the big city. Even though we have been cottagers in the Highlands for over 30 years, we are discovering the difference. It's always best to embrace change as an adventure and that it has been.

We are building a new home which is a challenge that can best be described as a roller coaster ride filled with excitement and topped with a multitude of learning experiences. No, I have not pulled out every hair from my head but pretty close.

Here are some of my new learning experiences to date.

- It's important to start wearing long underwear in months ending in R. This I learned rather quickly as temperatures seem to plummet and snow appeared the first week of November. There was no arguing this point. I dug through the storage boxes and soon they became part of my daily attire.
- Always ensure that your outdoor wear during hunting season consists of something bright orange. That includes even a

walk to the end of your drive and back. So, I can honestly say my husband and I are now the proud owners of orange tuques. The orange vests will have to wait until next year.

- The phrase Haliburton Highlands most likely means the Hills of Haliburton. I decided one day to walk to town, which is only about a two-kilometre jaunt. The hills appear much smaller when driving but when walking, those suckers are steep! Trying to run up them was even a bigger mistake.
- Don't feed the deer unless you are ready to adopt a family forever. We were so excited to have a little feeder and watch Bambi and Prancer dart towards the feed and look up at us as we waved in the window. I sent pictures and messages to my grandchildren. They are so excited and can't wait to see our new outdoor pets. Soon I discovered they appear every day looking for food and will continue to do so even through spring and summer and will gladly chomp up an entire garden. No thanks. Bye bye to Bambi and friends.
- And, if you are squeamish, don't discuss hunting season with the local hunters. The last thing I want to hear is the tale of some deer getting his neck pierced with a crossbow. I can appreciate the hunters, but no hunting tales for me.
- Ensure that you have many

methods of snow removal. Own some plowing equipment, snowblower and a multitude of shovels. Oh, and perhaps an ice pick. Unless you can pay for someone to consistently clear your driveway, you are in big trouble. I experienced my very first white out condition while driving into town. It just seemed to appear out of nowhere and I instantly became surrounded by a mini-blizzard. I could not see in front, behind or on either side. It felt like I was inside a snow globe that someone had shaken fiercely.

- Mail pick up is truly an outing. Every day I can drive to town, say hi to any folks and pick up my mail. You never know who you may meet.
- My husband became worried about missing the bigger box stores like Home Depot, etc., for building materials. However, he has discovered that all the local building suppliers and hardware stores do carry the essentials.
- Buying firewood, collecting firewood, conversations about stacking, splitting and lifting firewood is common conversation in a small town. Hmmm. Wonder if there is a manual on this?
- Discounts for the over 60 crew. Yep, I can honestly say I fall into that category but as they say, there are some benefits to getting older. Weekly discount days on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are in several stores in town.

I absolutely love that option!

It's marked on my weekly calendar. Throw in the thrift store, the Thrift Warehouse and you've got yourself opportunities to discover a world full of hidden treasures.

- Yoga has entered my life once again and how can you not love it especially when the studio faces a river. Double thumbs up for the scenic drive to and fro as well! That you cannot find in the city.
- There are many options for volunteer work, there are outdoor and indoor activities to join; and you can rent movies free for a week from the library. You can even snowmobile to the library!
- Haliburton is the Land of Rocks. They surface everywhere you dig or everywhere your backhoe digs. Gigantic, enormous and land of bedrock are words and phrases I've pulled from the rock dictionary.

Where else can you go out for coffee with a scenic view of a lake!

There are several new house projects to complete. There are more friendships to develop and there are more discoveries of living in a small town. I have felt like I am living in a dream, at times, living in a Christmas card, or living in a scene from the movie, *Mystery Alaska*. But I can proudly say that I love this little town and hope it learns to love me too.

Happy New Year, Haliburton.



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business news

Local outdoorsman launches new online business

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

In Haliburton County Steve Galea is known for many things, and now online entrepreneur can be added to that list.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Galea has been familiar with the outdoors for most of his life and has spent more than a decade as an editor for *Ontario Out of Doors* magazine (he is also a humour columnist for this paper).

Now Galea has turned his passion into a new business venture with the launch of Algonquin Fly Tying Supply, a website specializing in fly fishing gear.

Launched last December, the website features a wide range of fly fishing items including hooks, furs, feathers, yarn and more.

"Basically anything you can imagine for fly tying," he said.

The idea for the new venture came from an opportunity Galea was presented with last year.

"I've always been interested in fly fishing," he said. "For a while I've been saying if I ever had the opportunity I'd like to do something to offset my writing ... then I got a call out of the blue from a friend of mine basically saying have I got a deal for you."

Following the call the friend sent Galea a bunch of photos of top-of-the-line fly fishing gear, offering it to him for a very low price.

Galea took up the offer and thought it was a perfect launch into his own business endeavour.

"I got a lot of inventory for a price that allowed me to start the business," he said. "Because fly fishing is such a niche market, it didn't make sense to open up a store here. So online is the way to go because you can reach a wider market."

After a meeting with the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Galea secured a loan and was able to put his idea into place.

The name of the business was chosen to reflect the

Ontario outdoors and Haliburton's proximity to Algonquin Park.

"People might or might not know Haliburton but they certainly know Algonquin Park," he said. "That's where I do a lot of my trout fishing."

To date his business has been steadily growing, with orders already coming in from across Ontario and the United States. Orders can be shipped all over the world.

"I work from home anyways, so this kind of business fits into my lifestyle very well," he said.

The website can be found at www.algonquinflytying.com. You can also follow the business on Facebook and Twitter. For more info email info@algonquinflytying.com.



Angelica Blenich /Staff

Local outdoorsman and fly fishing guru Steve Galea has added another business endeavour to his resume with the launch of Algonquin Fly Tying Supply, an online fly fishing business. The website includes a variety of supplies and fly fishing gear, including feathers, chenilles, hooks and more. The website can be found at www.algonquinflytying.com.

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Farrier starts business in the Highlands

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Elli Nash has had a passion for horses since she was about five years old. A resident of Haliburton, Nash, 22, got her first horse Eddie when she was just 13 years old. "I always knew I wanted to work with horses," she said.

For the past few years Nash has been living in Alberta, graduating with diplomas in advanced farrier sciences and equine management and training under some of Canada's best farriers, such as Jason Wrubleski.

A lover of Haliburton, Nash decided to bring her farrier skills back to her hometown and launched her own business, Nash Farrier Services, last fall.

Describing herself as a foot doctor for horses, some of the services Nash offers includes trimming the animal's feet.

"Horses' feet, just like our nails, they grow," she said. "If you don't trim them they can break off and get sore ... they need proper maintenance."

Nash also makes handmade shoes for horses, including therapeutic ones. With years of farrier studies under her belt, Nash is working towards the next step in her career and obtaining certification from the American Farrier Association, which will mean she can enter competitions.

"I firmly believe that even if someone didn't go to school they need to compete because you learn so much doing that and you meet new farriers," she said. "You basically get better ... because we're here to benefit the horse." Nash will do on site visits, travelling out to where the horse lives to offer her services.

"I'm really glad that I'm giving home a shot," she said about launching her business.

Nash will be doing a forging and trimming demo at the Haliburton Frost Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. near the pony rides.

To contact Nash call 705-935-0724 or search Nash Farrier Services on Facebook.



Elli Nash is a trained farrier, recently graduating with a diploma in advanced farrier sciences from Olds College. The 22-year-old entrepreneur is sharing her love for horses and talent with the community through her new business in Haliburton called Nash Farrier Services.

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sports

Nordic skiers advance to COSSA

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Slow conditions at Glebe Park on Wednesday, Feb. 4 didn't stop Red Hawks Nordic skiers Christine Bishop and Sam Longo in the Kawartha Invitational Nordic Ski Race from advancing to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Championships.

The heavy snow on a hilly course left many competitors either bent over or on their back at the finish line for their respective distance and sprint races (2.8 kilometres, 3.5 kilometres, five kilometres and 7.5 kilometres).

There were 67 registered competitors from five schools (Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute, Lakefield College, St.



Red Hawks skiers Sam Longo, photo left, and Christine Bishop both earned berths to the COSSA finals in Hardwood Hills this week.

Darren Lum /Staff

Peter's Catholic Secondary School and Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School), and the Kawartha Nordic Club.

Bishop raced to a fifth place, finishing the hilly five-kilometre senior girl course with heavy snow in 25 minutes.

Her teammate and rookie competitor Sam Longo, a junior boy, scorched the same five-kilometre course in a time of 20 minutes and 31 seconds, which was



good enough for third place. Longo, who anchored a sprint team for exhibition, ended up winning in the team event with athletes from other schools.

Both advanced to this week's COSSA championships at Hardwood Hills this week.

The top six advanced.

Coach Jennifer Paton said the field of competitors for the senior girls and junior

girlswere mainly separated by a few seconds. She appreciated her skiers' efforts.

"Compared to the [55] other skiers, I was impressed by Christine's smooth technique and Sam's hustle and hard work," Paton said.

Paton predicts both Hawks will do well enough at COSSA to advance to the all-provincials in Sudbury next week.

Lady Hawks are 'snakebitten'

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A few centimetres or a different bounce and the Red Hawks girls' hockey team would be rejoicing instead of looking to another game after a 2-0 loss against the Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Hurricanes on Thursday, Feb. 4 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Hawks' coach Dan Marsden contends the Hawks outchanced the opposition in terms of scoring opportunities despite how things might have looked.

"We had chances. Every period," he said. "I think we out chanced them, but just snakebitten."

Marsden said the second Hurricanes goal went in via the "pinball effect" when a shot hits a leg, stick and a leg type of scenario. This was something that didn't happen for the home team.

"It was the same as the first goal. A harmless shot to the net and a girl [got right in] and tipped it in," he said. "Two goals that were the difference, but we played with them," Marsden said.

He acknowledged the Hurricanes had a lot of shots directed at Hawks' goalie Connor Marsden, but believes it didn't match the quality of chances by the red and white.

"They threw a lot of pucks at net, but we probably had more quality chances. Erin [Little] had a puck go off the post early in the first. Kennadal [Marsden] had the lone breakaway. I was trying to tell the girls to put it upstairs because [their] goalie goes down," he said.

The Hurricanes forwards Brooke Sanders and Zoe Pamington were using their pace and stickhandling to keep cycles alive and maintain possession. Marsden's advice to his defenders never changed through the game, which was to "keep moving your feet and try to read and take ice away." The defence though executed his advice better, as the Hurricanes players' free reign of the ice seemed to lessen as the game wore on.



Red Hawks forward Alicia McLean, left, is shielded from the puck during the first period against the Holy Cross Hurricanes on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 2-0, but remain in the hunt for the fourth and final playoff spot in the Kawartha High School Hockey League.

Darren Lum /Staff

The team has two wins, one tie and four losses after the loss.

Despite the loss, the Hawks remain in the playoff picture at fourth, looking to finish fourth for the final playoff spot. Coming into the game, the Hawks had two wins, a tie and three losses while the Hurricanes entered play in third with a record of four wins and two losses.

The other schools in contention are Cobourg West, I.E. Weldon Secondary School and Fenelon Falls Secondary School.

"Three strong quality teams and us trying to get that fourth spot for Kawartha [playoffs]," he said.

The Hawks lost, but it belied the execution and the effort of the team, Marsden said.

"That was one of our better team efforts. I said [to the team] it was almost Lake Placid-esque," he said, referring to their victorious effort at the Canadian Hockey Enterprises American Cup Tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y. back in December. "Everybody was working together and working hard. [The Hurricanes is] a good club. For us, I said, you know a tie game or a one-goal game in our favour would be awesome," he said.



Curling for kicks

Haliburton Curling Club's John Smillie watches his rock approach the house in the Todd's Highlands Mixed Bonspiel on Saturday morning, Feb. 7 at the Haliburton Curling Club.



Haliburton Curling Club's helpers from left, Art Dawson, Beryl Rasmus, Brian Murison, Ginny Carmichael, Alison Curtis and Mike Johnson were kept busy cooking and serving the breakfast offered at the Todd's Highlands Mixed Bonspiel on Saturday morning, Feb. 7 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The three-day event, starting on Friday, Feb. 6 and ending with the knockout finals on Sunday, included 96 curlers in three draws. All 24 rinks were guaranteed three games.

Darren Lum /Staff

Force Majeure featured film this week

JENN WATT

Editor

Those Other Movies is back in 2015 for its ninth season providing thought-provoking, entertaining films to Highlands viewers.

This Thursday, Feb. 12, the group will be offering its second selection of this season's five films – *Force Majeure* – at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

"We tend not to pick our series too far in advance so that we can choose titles which are most current to bring to Haliburton," said Those Other Movies volunteer Lisa Kerr in an email to the paper.

A committee of seven previews movies at film festivals including the Toronto International Film Festival and Sudbury Cinefest and takes recommendations from film circuit groups and advisors, Kerr said.

"We each bring suggestions to the group and usually are able to narrow our choices to a short list which we submit to film circuit to see when these titles are available for screening. Sometimes it can be up to a year after

we see a film at a festival that it becomes available for booking."

Rights to show the films is granted because Those Other Movies is a member of the Film Circuit, a division of TIFF, she said.

Force Majeure is a story about a family facing an avalanche while on a ski trip in the French Alps. Film rating website RottenTomatoes.com gave the film a 93 per cent fresh rating (read: very good) and had this to say: "Gleefully uncomfortable, *Force Majeure* is a relationship drama that's hard to watch – and just as difficult to ignore."

Kerr said attendance varies, but usually about 100 people attend the films.

Additionally, Those Other Movies also puts on Doc(k) Day, a whole day of documentaries and HIFF (Haliburton International Film Festival) in the fall. This year's Doc(k) Day is April 11.

The next scheduled films are *October Gale* on March 12, *Whiplash* on April 30 and *Elsa and Fred* on May 14. Tickets are \$8 at the door. There are showings at 4:15 and 7:15 p.m. For more information, go to www.haliburton-movies.com.

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For the second time, the Haliburton Highlands is playing host to nearly 1,000 athletes and participants in the Ontario 55+ Winter Games from Feb. 17 to 19.

Local residents who aren't competing can catch the action at venues across the county – and if they're lucky, catch a glimpse of Canadian Olympian Kurt Browning, who will be making appearances at various skating-related events.

Sports included in the Games include alpine and Nordic skiing, skating, hockey, curling and volleyball.

The 55+ games are put on by the Ontario Senior Games Association, which was founded in 1982 under the name Older Adult Centres Association of Ontario.

The Games were able to run thanks to funding from the Ontario government.

Since that time, the Games have grown with the first winter games held in 2000 in Collingwood.

OSGA is based in Toronto and is comprised of 40 districts.

Haliburton County is in district 11 and in this winter games, there are 46 athletes from this district involved.

"I think it's great for the county, for Haliburton County," said past district co-ordinator Doug McIntosh. "It brings people from all over Ontario to showcase our county. It's a fantastic place to live. There's all kinds of opportunities for people to enjoy them-

HALIBURTON COUNTY PARTICIPANTS

Ice Hockey (55+)

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Tim Curry
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Kim Emmerson
Bev Hicks
Larry Kent
Michael McGee
Joe Roberts
Steve Roberts
Greg Ross
Ted Vasey
Ian Wilson
Jim Winn
Rick Wood
Robert Woodcock

Alpine Skiing

Marianne Fenninger, 55+, female
Ralph Burchert, 55+, male
Barbara Ablett, 65+, female
Lou Fenninger, 65+, male
Doris Pierson, 75+, female
Victor Ettel, 75+, male

Curling (mixed)

Sheila Campbell
Bob Johnson
Bob MacNaull
Anne MacNaull

Duplicate Bridge

Mary Johnson, novice
Sandy McKay, novice
Willie Cox, open
Jack Cox, open

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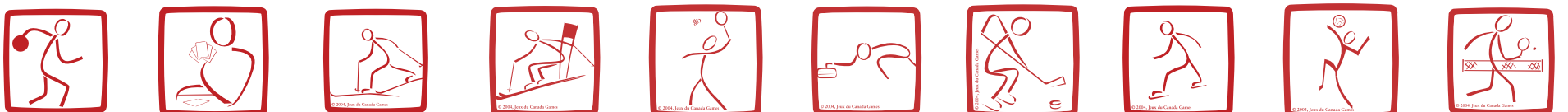
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Bill James
Larry Kalynuk
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Pinestone Resort

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Morning session
1:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Afternoon session

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Morning session
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Afternoon session
4:00 p.m. - Medal presentation

VOLLEYBALL

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

9:00 a.m - 4:10 p.m. 40 minute intervals

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

9:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m. - 40 minute intervals
12:10 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. - Play Offs
2:10 p.m. - Medal Presentation

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. - 40 minute intervals

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - 40 minute intervals
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Semi Finals
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Consolation Games
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Championship Game
3:30 p.m. - Medal Presentation

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

9:00 a.m. - 4:10 p.m. - 40 minute intervals

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - 40 minute intervals
12:10 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. - Play Offs
2:50 p.m. - Medal Presentation

BADMINTON

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

Day 1- Wednesday February 18

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Men's, Co-ed and Women's

Day 2 Thursday February 19

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Men's, Mixed and Women's
2:00 p.m. - Co-ed Bronze, Men's Women's Games
2:30 p.m. - Co-ed Gold, Men's Women's Games
3:00 p.m. - Men's and Women's Bronze
3:30 p.m. - Men's and Women's Gold

TABLE TENNIS

Shalom by the Lake

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Day 1- Wednesday February 18

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Men's, Mixed and Women's

Day 2 Thursday February 19

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Men's, Mixed and Women's
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Semi-Finals
1:30 p.m. - Bronze Medal Games
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 - Gold Medal Games
3:00 p.m. - Medal Presentation

HOCKEY

Day 1- Wednesday February 18

Haliburton

7:50 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.

Minden

7:50 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.

Wilberforce

9:30 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Day 2 Thursday February 19

Haliburton

7:50 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Semi Finals
2:20 p.m. Bronze Finals
3:10 p.m. Final

Minden

7:50 a.m. - 12 p.m.
12:50 - 2:20 Semi Finals
2:20 p.m. Bronze Finals
3:10 p.m. Final

Wilberforce

8:40 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

CURLING

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18 *Haliburton Curling Club*

Round Robin Curling Schedule
Divisions A and B
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - 6-end games
1:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 6-end games

Minden Curling Club

Round Robin Curling Schedule
Divisions C and D
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - 6-end games
1:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. - 6-end games

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

Information not available at press time.

NORDIC SKIING

Pinestone Resort

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

11:00 a.m. - Timed Trials
11:30 a.m. - Prediction race (mass start)

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

11:00 a.m. - Timed Trials
11:30 a.m. - Prediction race (mass start)
1:00 p.m. Medal Presentations

ALPINE SCHEDULE

Sir Sam's Ski/Ride

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - First timed run
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Second timed run

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - First timed run
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Second timed run
1:00 p.m. - Medal Presentations

PREDICTION SKATING

Keith Tallman Arena, Wilberforce

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

12:50 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. Skating

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

12:50 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Flights 1,2,3 with a flood in between each flight
2:30 p.m. - Medal Presentation

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Cheer on our local athletes

Victor Ettel, 77, has skied all over the world, but there's no place he'd rather be than Sir Sam's in the Haliburton Highlands.

An athlete in the 55+ Winter Games coming up Feb. 17 to 19 in Haliburton County, Ettel will be participating in the men's alpine ski event for those 75 years and older.

"I skied many places around the world including many times in Japan ... I somehow always came back and enjoyed skiing so much more here not because the hill is big or daring, but because of all the friends that are here as ski buddies," said Ettel.

This is his third senior winter games. The first was in 2011 when Haliburton last hosted the games. The second was in Huntsville in 2013. He won gold in both.

Alpine skiing has interested Ettel since he was a teenager in Czechoslovakia and stayed with him his whole life, 40 years of which has included the Highlands – first as a cottage destination and then in 2001 as a full-time home.

Ettel uses the Sunday Sir Sam's ski challenges as practice. He competes in the 45+ category and has twice placed second this season.

He skis with his wife, daughters and soon hopes to be racing with his grandchildren.

Several veteran curlers have come together to represent the Highlands in the mixed league. Bob Johnson (skip), Bob MacNaull (second), Anne MacNaull (lead) and Sheila Campbell (vice) will curl three games on Wednesday, Feb. 18 and, if successful, in the playoffs Thursday, Feb. 19.

Johnson said his first encounter with the 55+ games was when Haliburton last hosted. At that time, he and Bob MacNaull helped with scheduling other teams at the curling club.

"I enjoy the competition and we did the scheduling last time and thought it would be neat to compete in it," Johnson said.

If it's anything like last time, some "pretty good curlers" will be showing up from across Ontario to provide the Haliburton crew with a challenging two days.

Over at the hockey rink, centreman Bev Hicks and defenceman Greg Ross are getting excited about Haliburton's 55+ men's team. A carefully curated group of men were brought together earlier in the season and have been playing exhibition games together in preparation for the games.

"We've got a lot of good hockey players in Haliburton County," Hicks says. The key is having them function as a team.

Hicks and Ross have played in the last two senior games – Haliburton and Huntsville – and say the level

of competition is high.

"We're playing against the best senior hockey players in Ontario," Hicks said.

In previous seniors games, the No. 1 ranked team in Canada (Brampton) has competed, making for exciting hockey.

Hicks grew up in Haliburton and said several of his fellow teammates at the senior games played together when they were children for the Haliburton Huskies.

Having the games in the Highlands only furthers the county's reputation, Hicks said, and it doesn't hurt the villages' chances to become a Kraft Hockeyville winner either.

"I think it brings a lot of recognition to Haliburton," he said. "It adds to the reputation we have here."

For the players, the 55+ games represents a reason to get out and get active.

"It's a great camaraderie when you speak to the other guys from the other cities," said Ross. "We all have the same agenda. Everybody's there for the games and to have fun and the sport of it."

Cheer on our local athletes. See page 16 for a schedule of when games are taking place.



Haliburton Victor Ettel (men's 65+) makes his turn and prepares for the next gate in the alpine skiing event in the 2011 Ontario Senior Winter Games. He will be competing this year in the 75+ competition. /Darren Lum



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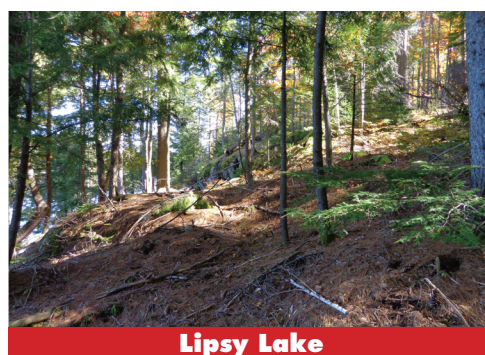
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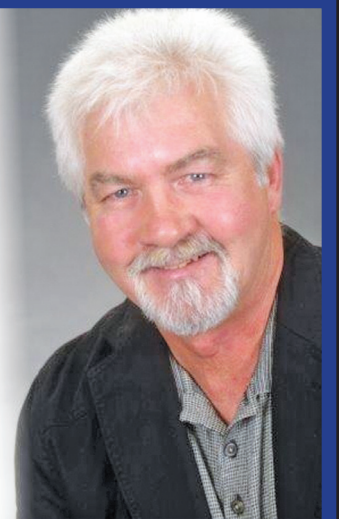
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Hawks bring Titans down to earth

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Just a few minutes into the first quarter and the Red Hawks were looking like world-beaters against the St. Thomas Catholic Secondary School Titans during a Kawartha West Boys Basketball League game on Thursday, Feb. 5 in Haliburton.

It's not too often that the Hawks have an easy time, but that's how the game went.

By the end of the first quarter, the Hawks jumped to a 17-3 lead, scoring on their chances and creating additional ones off of Titans' turnovers, created through sound defensive rotations and strong pressure.

The Titans were in complete disarray, as they were unable to cope with the stifling defence by the Hawks.

Although many of the Hawks starters left (and didn't play much at all) nearing the midway of the second quarter, they continued to hold the lead, albeit with less efficiency, going into the halftime break 23-7.

The Titans found their passing game and had better looks at the rim for high percentage shots, as they made a run in the third quarter, even outscoring the Hawks 13-12, but it wasn't enough to erase the 14-point deficit from the first quarter.

The Hawks won 43-26 and were led by their guard Angus Sullivan with 10 points.

The large lead allowed Coach Dave Waito to bring in his bench players, some who are in their fourth year who, he said, will likely never play another home game in their high school athletic careers.

"It was good to get some of those guys who have been around for a long time some minutes on the floor even if they were bench players. For me that's what I wanted tonight to be about," he said.

This game also enabled the team to refine its rotation for offence and defence.

He thought the team made improvements with its defence and saw signs the team is swinging the ball well, but would like it to be more consistent.

Waito didn't like how his team didn't box out on the defensive end and lacked the execution when it comes to rebounding.

These are things he will address in preparation for this important week.

This win helps the Hawks even their record four wins and four losses.

Waito said his team is battling with three other teams for the fourth and final playoff spot, but with two wins this week could be among the top.

"We can go as high as second or as low as fifth," he said, referring to this week's games.

The group of teams are from I.E. Weldon Secondary School, Fenelon Falls Secondary School and Brock High School.

Players such as rookie Jalen Campbell, who looked like a young Charles Oakley – former NBA player known for his tenacity, diving for loose balls and battling for balls in the paint, Angus Sullivan, who showed an offensive dimension to his game and Hunter Bishop, who was a monster when it came to pulling ball off the glass, gave solid performances that will prove invaluable to make a push for the playoffs.

"[Bishop] showed a lot more confidence, taking care of the ball, getting in there and getting rebounds, which is good. That's a big role ... Angus Sullivan too. Ten points in the first quarter and they were all jump shots. His jump shot has come a long way. It's because he's worked on it that hard for [a while]," he said.

Bishop scored five points while Campbell finished with four points.

This won't change the team's approach. The added scoring punch will simply provide more offensive options.

Hawks player Will Stephenson, who finished with seven points, will replace point guard Matt O'Reilly, who will miss this week's games for a vacation. O'Reilly scored six points and he is expected to return for the playoffs.

Teammates Caleb Schmidt, who finished with two points, and McKay Coneybeare, who finished with two points, will be expected to "step up and share that role."



Red Hawks forward Connor Dollo takes a shot on Adam Scott goalie Josh Goodman during a game on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton. The Hawks pulled out the 5-3 win in the closely contested game.

Darren Lum / Staff

Team solid in return from exams

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Fans and coaches alike were enjoying the shootout between the Red Hawks boys' hockey team and the visiting Adam Scott Lions on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Up until it was 3-3, each goal scored was separated by two minutes or less, two by little less than 30 seconds.

Special teams figured prominently in this battle between the visitors and the Hawks, who wanted to secure second place in the Kawartha High School Hockey League.

Thirteen penalties for a combined 26 minutes were given to both teams with 16 going to the visitors when it was all over.

There were two Adam Scott power-plays in the third period, which could have led to a tying goal, but the Hawks' coach Yake turned to his trusted veterans Chris Hall, Joel Fedeski and Curtis Ballantyne.

"Bottomline, if you're going to win close hockey games your senior top players have to perform so I call on them to do that at different times in the game. That was certainly one of those moments," he said.

Yake was impressed by his defence, who demonstrated a strong understanding of when to join the rush or, even, initiate it.

Hawks defenceman Owen Flood showcased a new dimension to his game, adding an offensive flair, which has gone unnoticed.

"Owen has improved a lot his game over the last two years he [is] more confident. He knows what he's supposed to be doing with the puck and without the puck as well. He's a Grade 12 student we rely on him," he said.

The Lions scored their first two goals on powerplays. Without these goals, Yake said, the Hawks had a strong game, containing the opposition.

Like any game, win or lose, Yake wants his team to improve.

In practice, the team will work on penalty killing and the powerplay with a two-man advantage, which hasn't been worked on this season.

The Red Hawks forward Jaydon Wood, who finished with a pair of goals, opened the scoring, beating Lions goalie Josh Goodman with a wrist shot between the faceoff dots with close to nine minutes left in the first.

The lead was short lived.

Close to two minutes later, the Lions responded with a powerplay goal from Tiger Brennan to tie the game 1-1.

Each time up to when it was 3-3 the teams exchanged goals. The Lions had the knack of following up a Hawks goal in a matter of sec-

onds for their second and third goals.

With only two seconds left in a one-man advantage midway through the second period, Woods hard shot from inside the blueline put the red and white ahead 4-3, putting an end to the tit-for-tat scoring spree.

The Hawks Ballantyne, who scored the team's third goal minutes before, added the empty net goal for the insurance marker to seal the 5-3 win and tie the league's leading scorer Crestwood's Mike Connelly with 17 points. Teammate Noah Dollo is one point behind with 16 points.

Ballantyne's first goal of the game putting the Hawks up 3-2 was important for momentum despite a subsequent Lions' tying goal. This was scored while four-on-four, enabling Yake to use his "speed" players like Ballantyne and Fedeski.

"The speed guys always like it when it gets down to three-on-three or four-on-four that's for sure," he said.

Other scorers were Dollo while assists came from Connor Dollo, Ballantyne, Fedeski, Matt Wilbee and Chris Hall with two.

Besides the lone league loss against the St. Peter's Saints' game, this was the toughest test for the Hawks, Yake said.

Although the Hawks are better than the Lions overall, he acknowledged that a few of the skilled Adam Scott players made it a close game.

Even with three more league games played, the Lions equal the Hawks with 12 points (as of Thursday, Feb. 4).

The Hawks are obviously among the top teams of the Kawartha High School Hockey League with only one loss in seven games and having only surrendered 16 goals for a goals for plus/minus 21 goals.

Despite two less games played to the league leading Saints of St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School and the Vikings of Cobourg West, the Hawks are in second in points by two.

Yake was happy with the team's performance and pleased with where it is at this point in the season. He adds the team has also been competitive at two tournaments, finishing as semi-finalists in one of them, losing in overtime.

Healthy scratches were Braden Roberts, Paydon Miscio and Andrew Hall.

Yake appreciates his team's depth and loves this "great luxury" to have more players than he needs to ice a team.

Yake said this was the first game after the exam break and the team hasn't been together very much.

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Join us in Haliburton, Saturday, Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. for Game 2 or Sunday, Feb. 15 at 1:30 p.m. for Game 3.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Girls Storm kicks off playoffs

The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls started their much anticipated Lower Lakes Female Hockey League playoffs in their Eastern loop on the weekend. Their home ice series advantage started on the road in Oakwood against the pesky Lindsay Lynx. Looking to get rid of any rust from a two week lapse in hockey games, the Storm jumped out to an early first period 1-0 lead with Kelsey Maracle slipping a puck into the net off a goal mouth scramble. Alicia McLean added to the lead in the first period with what proved to be the game winning goal in the aggressive contest. With Lindsay taking a few questionable penalties, the Storm increased their lead to 3-0 with a power play marker from Sydney Feir midway through the second period. The Lynx continued their attack, and in the third period spoiled the Storm shut-out with a knuckle-baller that found its way into the net from a weak angle. The game ended on a rough note with more penalties being handed out to both clubs, along with the loss of Erica "the grinder" Carmount with a fractured wrist. Get ready for our Friday the 13th tilt in Haliburton girls. We will need to keep to our game plan and maintain our focus to work towards getting to our second round. Third game of the series, if needed, will be in Minden on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. Good luck girls. Stay sharp and be ready for a good ol' playoff barn burner this Friday at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Midget AE ties South Muskoka

The Midget AE team sponsored by Walker's Heating and Cooling faced off against South Muskoka in Gravenhurst Sunday at 3 p.m. for Game 1. The Storm had a 2-0 lead at the end of the second period. Second period saw our third goal and an answered goal by South Muskoka. Third period saw South Muskoka score two goals to tie it up forcing 10 minute overtime resulting in a 3-3 tie. Next game is Friday 8:30 p.m. in Haliburton. See you at the rink.

Submitted by Monika Keefer

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Specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON or by calling (705) 457-1740.

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JENN WATT
Editor

Brian and Sandre Daoust have had a hand in many of the institutions of Haliburton County. Since moving to the area over 10 years ago, the couple has given back through a range of charities including SIRCH, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Friends of the Library, the Rails End Gallery and others.

It was a transformation for the Daousts, who were both in the financial sector in the city before retiring to the Highlands.

Earlier in life, what they could give back was mostly donations, Brian said. Now that they have more time, they're adding volunteer hours to the equation.

"It's a common situation. Most of [the volunteers] we work with show up, give time and they have their chequebook in their hands," he said.

When choosing where to put their efforts, the Daousts heeded the advice of their real estate agent, who told them to take their time choosing which organizations to help.

Sandre says she chose organizations that reflected her passions and gave her the opportunity to learn.

Brian says he came to volunteering wanting to do the "grunt work," but ended up becoming more and more engaged with various projects. One of the largest commitments he's made in the last decade is running radiothons fundraising both for Canoe FM and for HHHS Foundation.

"In the eight years we've raised well over \$200,000 for the hospital," he says.

Volunteering provides a chance to learn and to meet new people, the couple says. It also allows you to take your ideas and put them into practice.



Brian and Sandre Daoust have had their hands in many of Haliburton's organizations from the Rails End Gallery to the HHHS Foundation.

"Part of the joy of being the volunteer is being part of a legacy. We love to look back and see things that are there now that weren't there before," Sandre says.


For her, the Rails End Gallery stands as one of those legacies. When she joined the board the gallery wasn't even open. Seeing the vibrant art institution it is today

fills her with pride.

"Seeing that thrive is huge," she says.

Volunteers in the Highlands aren't just retirees, Sandre says. "Whether they're driving kids to hockey games or making lunches for somebody, volunteers can look and sound differently, coming from all walks of life."

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County of Haliburton

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HOT MIX PAVING AND GRANULAR SHOULDERING LOCATION(S):

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- The Application of Fiberglass Reinforced Chip Seal

Approximate Quantities:

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R&R 3 Cable Guide Rail	640 m
Adjust Steel Beam Guide Rail	545 m

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 13 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario


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Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contract consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

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- The supply and placement of 50mm depth of hot mix asphalt,
- The paving of all commercial and side road entrances within the project section,
- Approximate Quantities:

HL4 Surface Course	2,300 tonnes
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In-Place Processing	17,000 sq.m
Cold Milling (50mm curb areas)	4,000 sq.m
R&R Cable Guide Rail	555 m

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County of Haliburton

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To be received no later than March 2, 2015 @ 1:30 p.m.

2015-04 Roadside Mowing
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2015-12 Supply & Delivery of Warning and Regulatory Signage
To be received no later than March 3, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m.

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PC Charity under-utilized by locals

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton's Austin Vince has the world at his fingertips thanks to the laptop purchased through the President's Choice Children's Charity.

According to his mother Jenn Kelly, her nine-year-old with high-functioning autism has been given "freedom to do more things."

Other families need to know this money is available and apply, she said.

"The resources are out there. I don't think enough people know about them and there's a lot of people that could benefit from something like this. If it is out there we should try to apply for it," she said. "For a lot of families with children who have disabilities you already have extra expenses that something like a laptop or an iPad is just not in your means to do."

Kelly said having the laptop has been "calming" for her son and she can see the computer being helpful for school in.

Although Austin was born with autism, he was not diagnosed until last February.

She said the charity also provides funding for respite and therapy.

When Austin and his mother came to the Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton this past November for a formal presentation they received a cake and assorted toys from its owner and operator Steve Todd.

Todd, who has run the local grocery store for the past 10 years, part of Loblaw Companies Limited that operates the charity, loves to see the smiles on the faces of the local recipients.

"It's just the joy you bring them [that I remember the most] because a lot of times these kids have a pretty difficult life in the things they do. If we can make one thing easier in their life then that's a huge benefit and gives me satisfaction," he said.

Three grants have been awarded in the Highlands worth close to \$6,000.

Grants vary depending on the needs of the family.

The charity's website said it has helped children with cerebral palsy, autism, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida and other developmental delays.

This charity has and continues to fund nutrition programs.



Back in November, Todd's Independent Grocer owner and operator Steve Todd held an official presentation for the most recent local recipient for the President's Choice Children's Charity Austin Vince. Vince's mother Jenn Kelly said more families need to utilize the charity, which enabled her to buy a laptop for her nine-year-old son, who has autism.

Submitted by Jenn Kelly

Peggy Hornell, executive director, President's Choice Children's Charity, said the charity started in 1989 when two Loblaw executives organized a fundraising bowling event, Bowlarama (an event still run now) to help a child return home from hospital for Christmas.

Hornell said it's important that customers who donate to the charity know that 100 per cent of their contributions go to the beneficiaries because all administrative and operational costs are covered by Loblaw Companies Ltd.

"When we ask customers for a donation, we're really asking them to help their community - to support local

families whose children have physical or developmental disabilities, as well as nutrition programs aimed at fighting childhood hunger," Hornell said.

This fund is open to people across the country.

Todd encourages more families in Haliburton County who need help to apply.

"The more people that are aware of how they apply - so apply - the better chance they are of getting the funds locally," he said.

Go to the charity website www.presidentschoice.ca for details and more information about how to apply.

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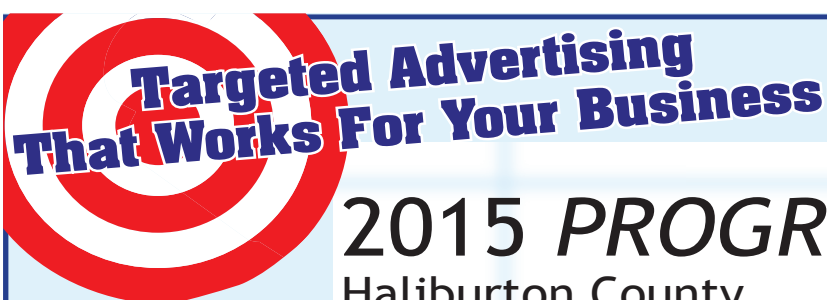
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We miss him every day.
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A Memorial Service for Dorothy will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1017 Wigamog Rd., Haliburton (County Rd., #21 and Wigamog Rd.) on Saturday, February 14, 2015 beginning at 2:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Watch Tower would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of

DONALD RODERICK (ROD) MACDONALD

With profound sadness we announce the unexpected death of Rod Macdonald on February 2, 2015. Rod was born in Alexandria Ontario and moved with his family to Vankleek Hill where, as an active member of the local Scout troop, he developed a lifelong love of outdoor activities.

Rod moved to Toronto where his entrepreneurial skills led to sole ownership of a successful wholesale business. In Toronto, Rod met the love of his life, Shirley Irene Gillett, and they were married in May 1953 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Together they enjoyed many mutual pursuits through their long marriage including cottaging in the Haliburton Highlands, cheering on the horses of Small D Stables, marvelling at the world's beauty on their many travels and especially opening their homes with gracious hospitality to family and friends.

Rod and Shirley's only daughter, Darlene Louise, was his pride and joy and the arrival of his only grand-daughter, Michaela Lynne, brought a new sparkle to his eye.

Rod was predeceased by his parents, Ronald and Lillian (nee Dever), and siblings Eileen(Seay), Edward, Stuart and Douglas. His memory will be kept alive by his beloved wife, daughter and grand-daughter as well as nieces, nephews and cousins in his close knit family circle. A private family gathering to honour Rod's life has been held and he will be laid to rest in Wilberforce Ontario. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.

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